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THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MOUNT DIABLO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB will be held this Friday night at 8:00 PM, September 20th, at the Contra Costa Junior College, East Campus. The event on for the evening will be an AUCTION! So bring your old junk, good stuff, white elephants, etc. Please identify each piece of equipment up for sale by marking what it is, and mark YOUR call letters on it. A small sticker or even chalk will be sufficient. Thank you. Come one and all and see some of the items you can get!

BOARD MEETING: The board meeting was held at the home of John Hopkins, K6AQ, and those present were, W6LGW, W6BEP, K6IMV, K6KRF, W6PIR, K6AQ (of course) and Mrs. H. Many items discussed. One in particular is a tentative training program for message handling, which would be instructed by the net controls on the regular Monday night nets. Also, Trail-Ride ~~was~~ discussed, and under Keyclicksandchirps find a more complete run-down of the ride. Mrs. Hopkins served coffee and very delicious home-made cake and we QRT around 11:45PM.

KEYCLICKSANDCHIRPS: Remember last meeting when we had Mr. Emery Boring as our guest speaker for the evening? Interviewed, Mr. Boring reported that he sent a copy of THE CARRIER mentioning the coming of his talk to the Hickcock Inst. office in Cleveland (headquarters) and from their office, a reprint was sent to EVERY Hickcock representative in the United States and Canada! Thanks, Mr. B., our little paper is sure getting around! Also, Mr. Boring has traveled over 60,000 air miles by plane and has driven over 64,000 to be places for his talks on trouble-shooting, alignment of equipment, test equipment, etc. Finally, after all this he has been transferred home. He is by no means the only ham member of the family, either! His son: Kn6YGI, Brother-in-law: K6IZB, Nephew: W7YQI, and a brother in Alaska: W4MGD/KL7. Also, two other sons to take Novice test this month!

TRAIL RIDE: Radio operators who participated in the Trail Ride, as we have them listed, were W6OHR, K6AQ, DUY, DEL, IMV, ~~OSO~~, W6CGS, FKX, and relays on the side were W6AIL, K6IYX, OGU. Riders had a wonderful time, and the ham operators as well. One horse got tired and refused to go on. He was only 21 years old, tho. Another horse refused to cross a stream, and even threw one rider. But finally after brute force, the horse crossed. Dorothy Smith, From SMITH HILL, rode as Chaperone on the Junior Ride. Saturday night everyone stopped at Barbeque Flat on Mt. Diablo and had a big steak (bar-B-Q'd of course). John Hopkins, K6AQ, the Astronomy expert on the trip said that it was a beautiful night and they watched the occultation of Saturn by the moon.---(In other words, the moon was seen to pass between Saturn and the earth.) Sunday the riders began the decent and the hams were invited to attend another barbeque at the Trail Ride Grounds in Concord. This time, Roast Beef! All in all, the comments from the hams were WONDERFUL, GREAT, and they had lotsa fun. You fellas who missed should try to get in on the ride next time! Not only good times were had, but the communications did serve the trailriders very well, and from what some say, it was very well handled and certainly appreciated....

MILES SLAPE: W6QEN/5 in Texas was reported heard here on coast on 40 meters.

JESS MEREDITH, K6KWX, club secretary now has a new job with R. C. A. in Vallejo! Good Luck, Jess on the new venture. We understand that Jess is still living here locally, so we hope that he won't be moving away!

VIRGIL ("Blackie") LAWRENCE, K6ILH is vacationing in North Carolina.

BILL GOHEEN, W6AIL, now has a converter and SX-25 on 6 meters. Pretty hot reception too, we hear.

THE CAMERONS, W6RVC's, Harry, Maxine, Mike & Orin have returned home from their vacation in Vancouver. They brought home some swell slides of the trip. They all love to fish, and so in their new aluminum boat they went out casting.... They came home with frozen fish, smoked fish, canned fish, fish, pictures of fish, and fish stories. We understand that they really did catch some beauties.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: K6PIL, Jack Terry is now the proud father of a baby girl, born August 19, 1957 at 0455 hrs. Weight 9 lbs. 3 oz. New gal is named Wanda Jean Terry. Father doing nicely. Congrats from the CARRIER on the new arrival!

Several MDARC club members attended the WESCON, at the Cow Palace in So. SF. This was the yearly meeting of the I. R. E., displaying all the latest electronic gear. Those who went that we know of were K6AQ, W6NHT, K6DEJ, W6PEL, K6IMV.

CHAS. APPLGATE, W6BEP, advertised his C.C.Applegate Special Xmtr in last issue of Carrier, and sold it to Leon Grabowski, K6UJR. Thanks to Carrier from Chas. Anyway, Leon and Chas. set the rig up over at Leon's and worked and worked at it. First few times didn't seem to be getting out too good. Run it up over again and the first big contact for Leon that evening was a station in Eastern Siberia! (We didn't get the call letters of the station, sorry). Good DX, Lee.

Pete Peterson, W6LGW, had a 12v. car and a 6v. Gonset Communicator. Doug Lortsher, Wn6KLM, had a 6v. car and a 12v. Gonset Communicator. Under these circumstances, a swap was inevitable, so they did! Both seem very happy with the trade.

Speaking of a 12v. car.....which LGW had....this is a NEW ONE! Pete decided on a 1957 Plymouth Belvedere Four Door Sport Sedan (Hardtop convertible) with all the big extras...power brakes, steering, etc. Gold and white it sure is a fancy job! They picked it up Tuesday, Sept. 10. Mrs. LGW says, "Now, I'll have to put up with all kinds of holes drilled in the new car for antennas!"

TRANSMITTER HUNT: Maybe we should write this up, and let you all know how the fox nearly had the boys out on a limb! Actually, the hunt took a little longer than usual, however, eventually Pete W6EFI, with Parky, K6IMV assisting found "Hernando's Hidaway" with the least mileage and will be the bunny next time. W6LGW was the fox and he hid at the end of Laverna Heights road. Take a look on the map and you'll see why the location gave trouble. Sure was fun. The hidden Xmtr was located at the doorstep of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Stark (Stark-ravin'-mad) and they came out to join in the fun. After the hunt was over everyone came up to LGW'S QTH in Alamo for coffee and loads of donuts. The Starks came along too, and we certainly enjoyed having them and appreciated the interest. Perhaps a new ham in the making! Tentatively the next hunt will be held MONDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 30, but will be confirmed at meeting or on air before.

AL DAVIS, K6KYT, is going on more business trips. He is installing atomic reactors, the world's first mass-produced type. Just returned from Oklahoma State Univ., Texas A. & M. Will go next to Colorado State U., Catholic University of America in Wash., D. C. then on to Maryland. He sure is getting around! And, with all that traveling of the USA, he managed to make the long trip to Alamo to visit LGW & family....and Jimmy & Johnny, the twins, came to visit Nancy Lorenz, W6PIR'S Jr. Op.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: (Ed. Note: since this paper only comes out once a month, some of the correspondence is rather old, however, it will be new to some)

8/17/57

To: W6LGW: "Dear Pete, Thanks for your letter and the invitation to attend your meeting and the Xmtr hunt. I certainly enjoyed them and learned a lot. I wrote up the meeting, transmitter hunt, and the data on your Field Day as given in your paper, and sent the memo to Project Civil for the Civil Defense Files. You are a Very Progressive group, and it was a pleasure to see so much complete family participation, that really makes it click, both from the standpoint of available operators - and being a mighty reliable communication system. Thanks also for the information on K6USN in studying the code and hope to get that license one of these days. Best Wishes, Ed." from Ed Burr, 1305 Tevlin, Berkeley, Calif.

8/15/57 from Vancouver, B. C.

"Hi Folks: We are in Canada now. A few minutes ago I heard someone honk K6JAV so we pulled over and talked to VE7AZ (ex VE5LY) for a couple of minutes. He said there was a little activity on 2 meters. Now we are trying to find a place to eat. Yesterday we visited Grand Coulee Dam and a few days ago saw Crater Lake. 2 Mtrs. has been dead ever since I signed with Mary, W6PIR. I did hear Radio The Dalles, an airforce station on 146.81 (maybe a harmonic). I also heard a few A0 carriers (Probably TV oscillators) in big cities." Signed: Ken, K6JAV.

ADVERTISING: Panoramic Scope - good shape, 1031-A, Army Surplus, 400 to 500 KC IF Class. Spare 3APIA for it. Swap or make offer.

HFS National Receiver. 27 to 250 MG.

One Generator - 110V. AC input - 60 cycles. 28V DC output. 30 amp. max. output. swap or make offer.

100 Mill Mallory Vibrapack 6V DC input. Swap or make offer on all the above equipment. Contact EMERY BORING, W6IIF, at Thornwall 5-1771 or LU 1-8870.

FOR SALE: Globe Scout 65-A for \$60.00....used 6 months! New 6146. (Has 6C5 and 5U4 missing, but new prices: Kit \$89.95 and wired \$99.95) Looks like a bargain. Contact Cameron, K6OGU. (Cameron Sperling).

WANTED: Super-Pro 34 mg. Will Swap Roto Tiller, 26" Cut, Model BL-6
5 Horsepower at 2400 RPM.. 22.97 cubic inches.
Tires 400x12, Fairbanks Morris Magneto
Tilson Carbureator (color Yellow)

If no swap, will sell for \$175.00. See Pete Weiben or call MU 5-5887.

KEYCLICKSANDCHIRPS: Our Club Picnic held at Mitchell Canyon Park was a big success. (But not as big as we could be....guess lots of folks were still on vacation)....Those present included Ralphie & Elmer Hill, W6QEP, John and Nesla Silkitis, Parkinsons, K6IMV, Camerons W6RVC, Archie Waring W6ACN, Petersons W6LGW, Hopkins K6AQ & Mrs. Somers, Hertzberg K6DQL and guests Ralph & Marietta Dora of Walnut Creek. Coffee and Cool-aid served by the club and everyone had a very nice evening.

Lee Hertzberg, K6DQL, and Viola just returned from a vacation (last month) in Petersburg Alaska. Four modes of transportation enabled them to get there... Drove to Seattle. Ferry to Vancouver. Steamer to Ketchikan. Flew to Petersburg. They were gone 22 days. Temperature in the 80's there. Caught some good trout, and caught some good color slides of glaciers, etc. Didn't run across any hams, however!

JIM HILLIARD, W6CGS & family returned last month (Aug. 9) from his vacation. He talks regularly with Dick Wallace, W6TCU in Santa Monica, and Dick came back from his vacation about the same time. Dick says he sure enjoys the CARRIER...thanks, Dick, we enjoy sending it to you, too!